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Subject: Cabinet Council on Natural Resources and Environment Minutes:

June 12, June 14, and July 9, 1984

ALL CABINET MEMBERS	Action	FYI		Action	FYI
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REMARKS: Attached for your information are the minutes of the following CCNRE meetings:

June 12, 1984

June 14, 1984

July 9, 1984

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CABINET COUNCIL ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

June 12, 1984, 10:00 a.m.

Roosevelt Room

MINUTES

Participants: Clark, Hodel, Hill, Dinkins, Brown, Abrams, Burnley, Davis, Clarey, Bettenberg, Neal, Risque, Gall, Poole, Malone, Johnson, Dawson, Hudson, Stockman, Khedouri, McLaughlin, Maloley, Smith.

Secretary Clark convened the meeting and indicated that OCS issues are probably the most important ones now facing the Department of the Interior. Secretary Clark gave an overview of the OCS leasing program and expressed the concern that litigation surrounding OCS Lands Act Section 8(g) and legislation providing for OCS revenue sharing, Coastal Zone Management Act consistency and leasing moratoria threaten the continued viability of leasing on the OCS.

Secretary Clark then asked Bill Bettenberg, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior to outline in some detail one option concerning the Section 8(g) and revenue sharing issues. Director Bettenberg indicated that one option might be to combine a resolution of the Section 8(g) litigation and revenue sharing issues into proposed legislation.

Most participants agreed with Secretary Clark that OCS development was essential for national security.

It was agreed that this issue should be taken to the President. Secretary Clark indicated that further discussions would be held to prepare necessary options for presentation to the President.

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CABINET COUNCIL ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

June 14, 1984, 11:00 a.m.

Cabinet Room

MINUTES

Participants: The President, Vice President, Clark, Regan, Smith, Block, Heckler, Hodel, Meese, Stockman, Hill, Svahn, Taft, Brown, Ford, Abrams, Burnley, Lighthizer, Niskanen, Darman, Fuller, Herrington, Verstandig, Davis, Clarey, Bettenberg, Cribb, Fitzwater, Risque, Gall, McLaughlin, Khedouri.

The President convened the meeting and called upon Attorney General Smith to give a brief overview of the new merger guidelines which have been developed by the Justice Department. Attorney General Smith briefly described the progress that had been made in developing the 1984 merger guidelines and indicated that they would soon be announced.

The President then called on Secretary Clark to describe the issues facing the Outer Continental Shelf leasing program. Secretary Clark indicated to the Cabinet Council that it was his belief that the Federal government was facing a near crisis situation with respect to OCS leasing. He explained that the threat of litigation and moratoria legislation has chilled prospects for future exploration on the OCS. Secretary Clark then explained the various legislative proposals pending on the Hill and the litigation surrounding lease sales in the Gulf.

Secretary Clark then asked Bill Bettenberg, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior to outline one option concerning settlement of the Section 8(g) claims and establishment of a revenue sharing program.

After discussion, the President then adjourned the meeting.

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CABINET COUNCIL ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

July 9, 1984, 11:00 a.m.

Cabinet Room

MINUTES

Participants: The President, Vice President, Clark, Regan, Block, Baldrige, Donovan, Pierce, Dole, Meese, Casey, Kirkpatrick, Brock, Ruckelshaus, Hill, Feldstein, Svahn, Taft, Dinkins, Hesse, Wright, Fuller, Speakes, Whittlesey, Davis, Clarey, Neal, Cicconi, Risque, Rhodes, Derwinski, Baroody, Smith, Dunlop, Khedouri, Cribb.

The President convened the meeting and recognized Secretary Clark for the purpose of providing an update on certain environmental and natural resources issues. Secretary Clark requested that Administrator Ruckelshaus begin the issues update.

Administrator Ruckelshaus began by stating that significant progress has been made in controlling pollution, and that recent data indicates that emission levels for all major air pollutants are on a downward trend. Administrator Ruckelshaus indicated that, in the past year, a new team of professionals has taken the helm at EPA and that these individuals have the overwhelming support and confidence of the Congress. He also mentioned that morale in the agency is sharply improved and that progress is being made on a number of outstanding issues.

Against this backdrop of progress, Administrator Ruckelshaus said that three major issues loom on the horizon: budgetary constraints; acid rain research and control; and cleanup of hazardous waste sites.

With respect to the budget he pointed out that, in the last year, the Administration's budget request is up sharply and that the Administration was being unfairly criticized on the budget issue. Administrator Ruckelshaus indicated that acid rain was a major emotional issue which was dividing the country into regions pitted against one another. The President asked several questions concerning the status of the Administration's acid rain research program as well as the effects that acid deposition was having on the health of our lakes and forest growth rates.

The discussion then turned to the superfund program, and cleanup of hazardous waste dumps that present threats to public health and the environment. Administrator Ruckelshaus indicated that this was one of the toughest environmental issues, but that progress has been made in identifying and cleanup of a number of contaminated sites.

When Administrator Ruckelshaus concluded, Secretary Clark outlined the personnel changes which have occurred at the Department of the Interior, and then went on to outline progress that has been made on several key issues. Secretary Clark stated that if all proposed wilderness areas pass Congress this year, the federal wilderness system will equal a land area approximately the size of the states of California, Utah, and Nevada.

Secretary Clark also announced that substantial progress has been made in lifting moratoria that currently exist on the coal leasing program, as well as limiting the size of future moratoria on our OCS leasing efforts. The President concluded the meeting by thanking Secretary Clark and Administrator Ruckelshaus for their presentations and for the fine efforts that they have brought to their agencies.